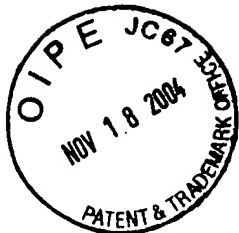


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To supplement the Information Disclosure Statement of October 27, 2004, the Examiner is requested to consider the references in a European Search Report which the Applicant has received from the current counterpart application in Europe (European Search Report enclosed). Applicant also notes that the references include two U.S. Patent references, and since this RCE application was filed after the rule change which no longer requires a submission of a copy of U.S. reference, a copy of the two references are not required. However, Applicant herewith encloses, as a courtesy, the copies of the U.S. Patent references as well.

Applicant requests consideration of the following references.

- EP 0 548 374 A has been cited in a corresponding European Application Search Report. The reference discloses a printer fitted with image reader having a handy scanner for reading an original and an automatic original carrying device to which the handy scanner is detachably set. This reference has been cited under Category A with regard to the European claims 1 - 4, and 7. This reference is in English.

- U.S. Patent 5,038,228 has been cited in the corresponding European Application Search Report under Category A with respect to European claims 1 - 6. The reference discloses a laser beam printer having a scanner unit and a sheet transport apparatus for use with the scanner unit.


- U.S. Patent 5,567,068 has been cited in the corresponding European Application Search Report under Category A with regard to European claims 2 and 3. The reference discloses a multifunction printer having scanning and printing functions including a first cover, a second cover, a first paper transfer path, a second paper transfer path, and a diverging means.

- EP 0 650 843 A has been cited in a corresponding European Application Search Report under Category A with regard to European claims 5 and 6. This reference discloses a multiple function printing device with a portion of a first and a second path being commonly shared with common mechanisms used for steps such as for picking, providing roller-driven movement through the processing stations, and for actuating a pressure plate in the input feeders.



Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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